Taginaste de Anaga

Echium leucophaeum



Taginaste de Anaga
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Height: 7 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

A bushy evergreen shrub producing large, conical flower heads bearing bright white blooms, in spring to early summer; adaptable and very drought tolerant once established; a great plant for mild coastal climates

Ornamental Features

Taginaste de Anaga has masses of beautiful clusters of white cup-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from early spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of silver which emerges light green in spring. The fuzzy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The smooth tan bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Taginaste de Anaga is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Taginaste de Anaga is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Taginaste de Anaga will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Taginaste de Anaga makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.